



## State of Tennessee

### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 276

**By Woodson, Kyle, Overbey, Burks**

A RESOLUTION to honor Annual Statehood Day Living History Weekend, May 28-29, 2011, at Marble Springs State Historic Site.

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2011, the State of Tennessee will proudly observe Statehood Day, the 215th anniversary of Tennessee's admission as the sixteenth state to join the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee's entry into the Union will be specially observed at Marble Springs State Historic Site, which will hold its Annual Statehood Day Living History Weekend on May 28-29, 2011, to celebrate the momentous occasion; and

WHEREAS, located in beautiful southern Knox County, Marble Springs State Historic Site is a place of great historic significance to every Tennessean, as it is the home place of the first governor of Tennessee, John Sevier; and

WHEREAS, born on September 23, 1745, John Sevier was a leader in the Watauga Association, Tennessee's earliest settlement, and a Revolutionary War hero, having rendered sterling service at the pivotal Battle of King's Mountain. He would serve as Tennessee's governor from 1796-1801 and again from 1803-1809 before being elected to the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Governor Sevier's property at Marble Springs was a working farm and a weekend retreat for he and his family. The farm was named after the springs located on the property that flowed throughout the year, as well as for the "Tennessee Rose" marble deposits prevalent in the area; and

WHEREAS, the main cabin at Marble Springs, built circa 1800, still stands today on the site where it was originally constructed and can be visited as part of the thirty-five acre Marble Springs State Historic Site which encompasses the cabin, detached kitchen, a tavern, loom house, and spring house; and

WHEREAS, placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971, the Marble Springs State Historic Site is operated by the Governor John Sevier Memorial Association, a nonprofit group dedicated to preserving the memory of John Sevier and his way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that in honor of the 215th anniversary of Tennessee's admission to the United States that we join with the participants of Annual Statehood Day Living History Weekend, May 28-29, 2011, at Marble Springs State Historic Site as they commemorate this truly momentous occasion in Tennessee history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: May 16, 2011

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2011

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR